

THE POP CONFERENCE

**IT RESOLVES THAT MONEY IS THE
WINNING ISSUE.**

It Calls for an Investigation of the Alleged

Denounces Cleveland.

ST. LOUIS, December 23.—Twenty-five members of the People's Party Executive

Committee and 210 party leaders met in conference this morning in the assembly room of the Lindell Hotel, under Chairman Taubeneck, of Illinois. A wrangle

less than a quorum, and the committee surrendered the room to a conference of the 270 leaders, who chose General J. B. Weaver, of Iowa, as chairman. The conference adopted a rule that no one should be admitted to the convention and that all resolutions acted on by them should be submitted to the National Committee. President Boyd and a committee from the Merchants' Exchange invited the visitors to hold their next national convention in this city. Action on this will be held to-morrow in con-
gathering at 2 o'clock the National Committee, still lacking a quorum met with the conference. The call of the States developed a number of resolutions which should be endorsed.
Mr. McMahon, of Alabama, retold the Ku-Klux-est contest, and denounced Democrats for their support of the whip and chain of old-time slavery.
Matters moved smoothly, and cheerfulness prevailed. The day was as plentiful as a cornfield.
Africa's representative reported the conference adjourned until to-morrow.
Illinois was responded to by Mr. Tatum, who was elected one of the future

The chairman had little to say of his State, but read a resolution to the effect that the National Union should support the coming campaign, side-tracking the land and transportation question. This precipitated a discussion in which it was pointed out that the National Union in the Omaha platform was to be ignored. "Weaver's" contention was for a trade union, not a political party, and that it was controlled in volume and value by the government alone. He insisted that money was the winning issue, and that the National Union should be guided in principle by the "strong" and "weak" in tactics, should recognize that the issue was not a simple one, and that it was a troublesome question, but the revolution passed.

DEBS AND HOWARD.

A resolution was presented denouncing the judgment against E. P. Morgan and C. D. Debs, and the American Railroad Union, and Mr. Howard was invited to speak. He took the meeting by storm, and the speaker was not allowed to finish.

The best speech of the session was made by S. C. Crosby, of Kansas City, Mo. He is an attorney, a Republican, was a member of the Populist a year ago. After consuming his allotted five minutes in confessing Republican sins, he concluded the convictions of his political conscience, the confession of his own sins, and the warning to the future. Crosby reviewed the field from a Populist standpoint in a ten-minute talk that was emphasized with wild applause, succeeding call of State representatives were offered and adopted. Resolutions were offered and adopted to ask Congress for an investigation into the Alabama election frauds, and denunciation of Cleveland for calling out troops during the railroad strike. These, with resolutions for the support of the Populist cause, will constitute the program of the national convention.

to-morrow at 10 P. M. The conference adjourned until to-morrow.

Among the notable people present are Hon. Joseph Harper, of Illinois, who was Lincoln's law-partner, and who nominated him for President in 1860; John H. Mc Donald, a former Democrat, of Tennessee, and "Cyclone" Davis, of Texas. Coxy and Carl are expected to be heard, but only a small figure. The conference and committee will adjourn without date to-morrow.

HEAVY CLOOM AT CLIVENED.

Removal of the Remains of Mrs. Astor
Mr. Astor's Grief.

This morning the coffin was taken to the body of Mrs. William C. Astor was placed in the hall leading to the Astor residence, Cliveden, to a funeral home, which stood in front of the main entrance. The coffin was carried by eight bearers.

All the servants of the Astor establishment were gathered on one side of the entrance hall, and Mr. Astor, who was seen from the other side of the hall, the solitary funeral-car, with a lamp lighted, slowly and wearily traversed the doorway alone, and watched silently until the light of the lamp faded from his view.

At 7 o'clock the funeral train, headed by the coachman Taplow at 7 o'clock, and the coffin was placed in the guard van of a train, which awaited at the station at 8 o'clock, and the body was transferred to the funeral home.

The coffin will be put on board the steamer Auranias at Liverpool this evening.

Mr. Astor left Taplow for Paddington Station at 4 A. M., and took a train for Liverpool from Euston Station about noon. He will accompany the body of his wife to New York.

COLD WEATHER TO THE SOUTHWAR

The Mercury Eut Twelve Above Zero at Columbia, and Falling.

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 23.—began snowing here at daylight this morning, but by the time two inches had fallen the weather cleared, and, with a brisk north-west wind, became rapidly cold

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., December 28.—The thermometer registered in above zero to-night, but the mercury at midnight sank to 19 degrees above zero, and is falling steadily.

FLORIDA CROPS THREATENED.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., December 28.—The United States Weather Bureau has dispatched to the Florida National Indian school a record-breaker.

The thermometer at South Jacksonville thermometer is below freezing at 10 o'clock to-night. Great damage is feared to the orange crop.

The thermometer at Jacksonville the thermometer stood at 19 above. It will be several days before the damage to the fruits and vegetables can be estimated.

IN ALABAMA.

BIRMINGHAM, December 28.—The thermometer registered in above zero to-night, but the mercury at midnight sank to 19 degrees above zero, and is falling steadily in the morning.

NOTES FROM THE WAR.

China Now Being Aided in Its Defense
by Winter.

NEW YORK, December 23.—A special cable dispatch from Peking, received from Shanghai today, says: Private letters from there state: We affirm that China's fate is in a hopeless condition.

In their operations by land the Chinese are following the famous Russian tactics of 1912, and harassing the flanks of the first army, which has been stuck in the snow. The action of the Chinese indicates that their proposals for peace are being made in order to seize time and let winter play havoc with the invading forces.

The progress of Count Oyama's "reconcentration" of his army is being played in the movements of the first army.

commissioned officers are being sent to the front. Forefighters in the service who have been in military experience are joining the central army and making a splendid record. They are picking up courage, in view of the climatic difficulties with which the enemy has to contend. Victory is ahead. We are back to Wuchang, in order to start on the construction of the projected grand trunk railway, a man-made highway of commerce.

INCIDENTS IN SHANGHAI AND CHINA.

LONDON, December 22.—A dispatch to the Central News from Shanghai says that the United States Government has received information from the Chinese Government that the latter has violated its promise given in the 1911 agreement of the Japanese and the United States at Shanghai.

GREYHAWK'S PROMPT ACTION.

curacy of the information contained in the Shanghai cablegram regarding Mister Denby's instructions in the case of Japanese student-spies is fully confirmed at the State Department. Promptly upon hearing of the butchery of the two students who had been turned over to

The commercial failures in 1894 already reported to R. G. Dun & Co. number 14,292, against 15,243 last year, with liabilities of \$163,238,404, against \$346,779,580.

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The defendant, a rather good-looking man, was dressed in a black, tailor-made gown, said, in excuse for his apparent contempt, that he was too tired to appear in court. He was wearing a hat which followed who said she lived on a flat, which was partly furnished with money given her by her husband, who was a gambler, and she did not know, she said, whereabout he lived. He failed to mention merely lived in Richmond. He failed to mention that he was a gambler.

Continuing, the Sun gives in detail the close examination to which Mrs. Shields was subjected when she was taken to the police station and the source she derived her support, etc. Dr. C. T. Shields, who was a specialist, resided for a year or so at 1817 Seventh and Eighth streets. It was while living in this city

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